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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR AIR ASSETS FOR
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On June 3, 2009, TDY DAO LtCol. Mike Pasco met with LtCol. Jim Maguire, Deputy Director for Defence Attache Coordination Assistance at the New Zealand Ministry of Defence (MOD) regarding the urgent request for assistance in identifying air assets for Pakistan (see reftel). LtCol Maguire made it clear that NZDF is fully committed to cooperation with the U.S. Military where possible in our shared national interest. However, he confirmed that NZDF does not have in its inventory (nor has access to) Mi-17 helicopters.
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